

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name MARL HILL
other names/site number DHR 63-19

2. Location

street & number VA Route 642 N/A not for publication
city, town Talleysville xx vicinity
state Virginia code VA county New Kent code 127 zip code 23124

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Director VA Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

1 Nov 1992

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: Secondary Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: Secondary Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Marl Hill is a two-story frame dwelling located on a 40.45-acre tract of land near St. Peter's Church in New Kent County, Virginia. The house was built in two campaigns, the smaller original structure in the late eighteenth century and the larger west addition in 1825. It possesses a combination of Federal and Greek Revival architectural features. Of special note are the original structure's hand-hewn hardwood floor joists visible in the basement, wainscoting on the first and second floors, and double closet doors with six raised panels on the second floor. Contributing dependencies include four frame outbuildings with wood shingle roofs located to the rear of the house. A historic well and boxwoods are also found in close proximity to the house. The rural setting of the property is unchanged and retains a very high degree of integrity.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

Marl Hill is a two-story, five-bay, wood-frame dwelling covered in weatherboards built in two phases. It has a seven-course American bond brick foundation which forms a raised basement. There are two exterior gable end chimneys and one central chimney also of seven-course American bond. The central chimney is the earliest and was built as the interior end chimney of the original structure. The double-pitched tin roof of the original house is slightly lower than that of the addition.

The original structure dates from sometime in the late eighteenth century and has two bays. The basement has two three-pane windows with vertical bars on the south side and one on the north side. On the north side the first story has a single nine-over-six double-hung sash window, whereas the south elevation possesses two. The second story has two six-over-six double-hung sash windows on both the north and south. All first- and second-story windows have fixed wooden shutters. The original entrance door to this early section has been removed, most likely at the time of the 1825 addition. A small one-story weatherboarded addition on the east end is a twentieth century addition accessible only from the exterior. Built up against the exterior end chimney, this addition has a half-hipped tin roof and a single door.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance
c1775-1900

Significant Dates
1825

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in rural New Kent County, Virginia, just to the east of St. Peter's Church, Marl Hill is a well-preserved example of a vernacular dwelling constructed in two phases, the first sometime in the late eighteenth century and the second in 1825. Marl Hill is architecturally significant as an good example of a once-typical house form-- a small eighteenth century single-room house onto which was added a later addition. The second floor bedroom in the earlier section possesses a fine example of built-in cupboards that flank the fireplace. Few alterations have occurred and the house and its surroundings of fields and woods are unchanged. The integrity of the property is enhanced by the retention of five outbuildings and a well.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

New Kent County was formed in 1654 from York County. The third church for St. Peter's Parish, which has played a prominent role in the history of New Kent County, was built on land that had once been part of the Marl Hill tract in 1700. Today this church stands a short distance to the west of the present Marl Hill property.

Marl Hill was named for marl, a clay deposit that contains calcium carbonate used to fertilized soil deficient in lime, that was mined in the immediate area. Thomas Jackson was the first owner of Marl Hill and lived there before 1700. Local tradition states that he built the first dwelling on the property. On 13 August, 1700, Jackson sold an acre of land "where on to build the Said Church and for a Church yard." St. Peter's Church was erected "upon the maine Roade by the School House neer Thomas Jackson's." Jackson played a major role in the construction of the church. He died in 1720 and his family continued to live at Marl Hill until after 1738.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Chamberlayne, C. G., ed. The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish. Richmond: The Library Board, 1937.

Hardesty, H. H. Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia: Special Virginia Edition. New York, 1884.

Harris, Malcom Hart. Old New Kent County Some Account of the Planters, Plantations and Places in New Kent County. 2 vols. West Point, Virginia, 1977.

New Kent County Deed Book 3, p. 275.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
221 Governor Street
Richmond, VA 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 40.45 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is described as lots B, C, D, E and House Tract in the county of New Kent, on Route 642, as recorded in New Kent County Plat Book 9 page 108. Copy of plat is attached.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the house and outbuildings historically associated with the property.

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The early nineteenth century west addition has three bays. The north and south facades are almost identical. The raised basement story has two three-over-three double-hung windows. The first story has two six-over-six double-hung windows and a one-story, one-bay, square wooden porch with a tin hipped roof, square pillars, a wooden balustrade, wooden stairs, and metal hand railings.

The second story has three six-over-six double-hung windows. There are three entrances to the house, all of which are in the west addition. Both porches have a door and there is a small lean-to providing access to the basement attached to the northern porch.

The two parts of the structure together create a simple central-hall plan and are inter-connected by a passageway on the south end of the hall. Because the addition is slightly elevated above the earlier section, there is a step in the passageway. No evidence remains of any past entrance or stair in the original structure. Both rooms on either side have matching Federal-style fireplace mantels that replace the originals. The rooms in the earlier section have wainscoting.

The stairs to the second floor lead from the corner of the hall, take a forty-five degree turn, and run up the side wall. There are three rooms on the second floor. The third room is the bathroom added to the west addition by enclosing a portion of the stairhall. Both upstairs bedrooms retain their original woodwork and mantels. The west bedroom has a Greek Revival style mantel. The room in the original structure has wainscoting and its fireplace is flanked by double-door closets that have six-panel doors.

An added lean-to on the north elevation leads to a small room below the porch where there is a door to the basement level. There is a small central stairhall in the basement and two rooms off to each side. There is a simple set of stairs with a door at the top that leads to the main hall on the first floor. The west room has a flagstone floor and plaster walls. The room in the original structure is the current kitchen and has a concrete floor and brick walls. The unfinished ceiling exposes the hand-hewn hardwood joists of the floor above. Two of these joists still retain bark.

The yard of Marl Hill, with its boxwoods and surviving outbuildings, retain much of its original character. The boxwoods once formed a path that led to the southern entrance. On the north side there are five contributing outbuildings, a canopy-covered well and on the other side of the wooden fence that surrounds the yard is a non-contributing, twentieth-century cinder block pool. The well canopy is considered a non-contributing structure as it dates from the twentieth century. The well

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is included as a contributing structure. The five contributing buildings are a shed, woodshed, smokehouse, pumphouse and rootcellar. With the exception of the wood shed, whose walls are of vertical boards, all outbuildings are wood frame with weatherboards and wood shingle roofs. Each has been placed on poured concrete foundations.

The fields surrounding Marl Hill were once the scene of marl mining. There is evidence of this in the slope of parts of the fields. The remaining forty acres of Marl Hill, a property that once was over five hundred acres, still retains the rural character it originally possessed.

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Because of the extensive destruction of county records, the only evidence of the property passing to the next family, the Crumps, is a reference in the St. Peter's Parish vestry book to a "John Crump at the widow Jackson's." The Crump family lived at Marl Hill until 1837 and it was during this family's ownership that the present structure was built. The oldest surviving land tax record shows the 655-acre tract belonged to Benedict Crump, who was born in 1711. He was married twice, first to Elizabeth Parkins and secondly to Susanna Parke. It is likely that he and his wife built the eighteenth century portion of the house. Benedict Crump died in August 1811 and his son Beverly Crump inherited the property. It was during his ownership in 1825 that the west section was constructed. Crump was a justice of the county court from 1818 until his death in 1837. He also served as the sheriff of the county.

In 1837 John Douglas Christian bought the then 380-acre estate. Clerk of New Kent County from about 1857 until his death in 1864, he owned several pieces of land, one being the ordinary at New Kent Courthouse. Nathaniel Rives purchased the land in 1864. In 1877 he was forced to sell it to pay his debts in a suit brought against him. John F. Sanderson was the special commissioner in the case and delivered the property to the next owner, Mary Trevelian. At this time the property was defined as the land that was bounded "on the north by Shuttlewood farm, east by Shuttlewood, south by a road from Old Stage Road to St. Peter's Church and Jefferson's land and on the west by the land of R.E. Richardson and John Merriman." Mary Trevelian and her husband C.B. Trevelian lived at Marl Hill until 1902 when the property was sold to R.E. Richardson. In June 1938 Jennie Jones purchased it from his estate. The current owners, G. Warren and Karen T. Mountcastle, purchased the property in 1983.

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New Kent County Deed Book 27, p. 405.

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New Kent County Land Tax Records, 1782-1864.

New Kent County Land Patents, 1710-1719.

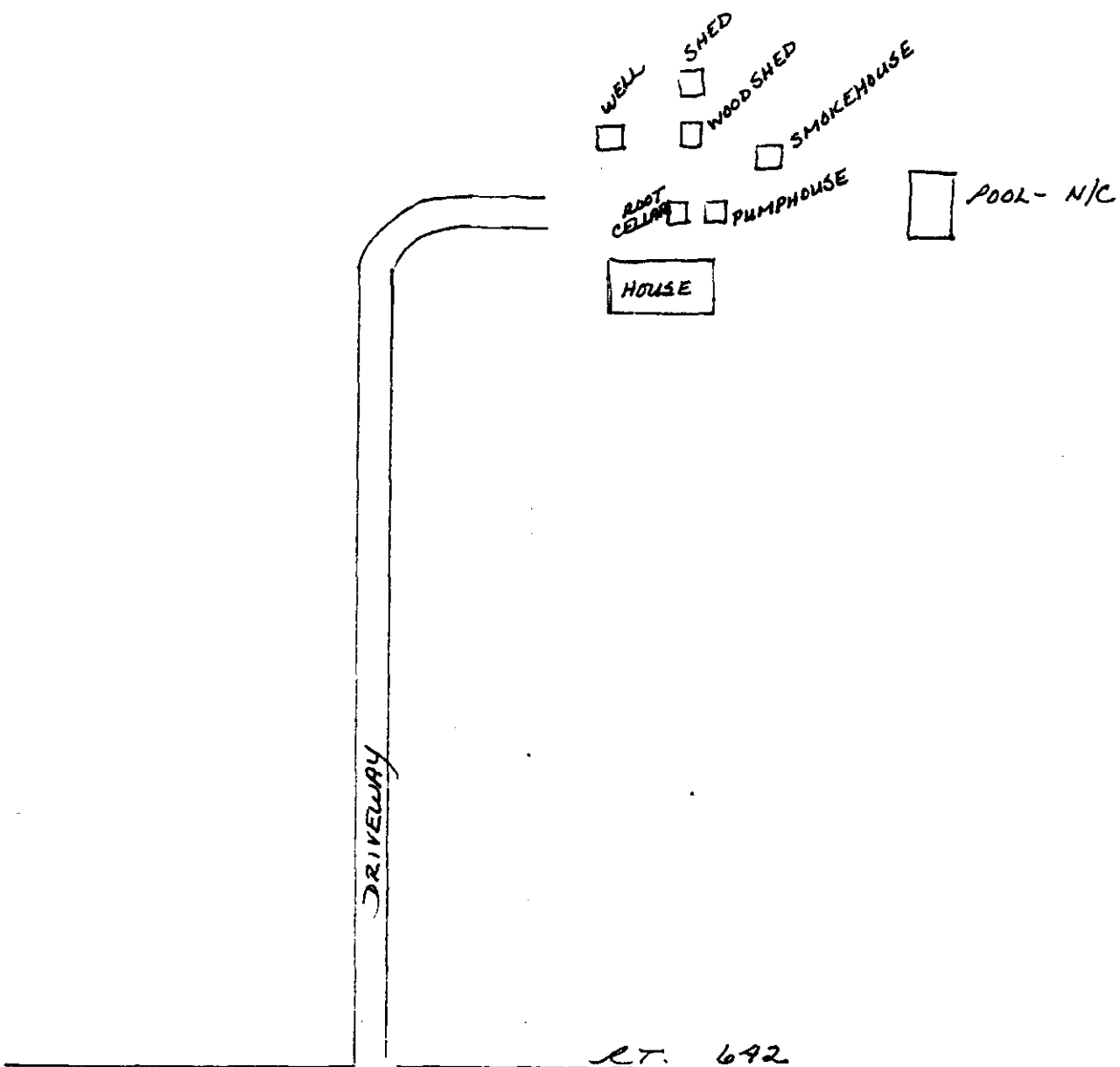
New Kent County Plat Book 9, p. 108.

Map of Marl Hill and surrounding land, dated 1837, by Thomas Lad. In possession of current owners of Marl Hill.

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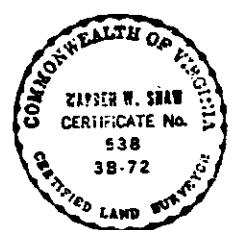
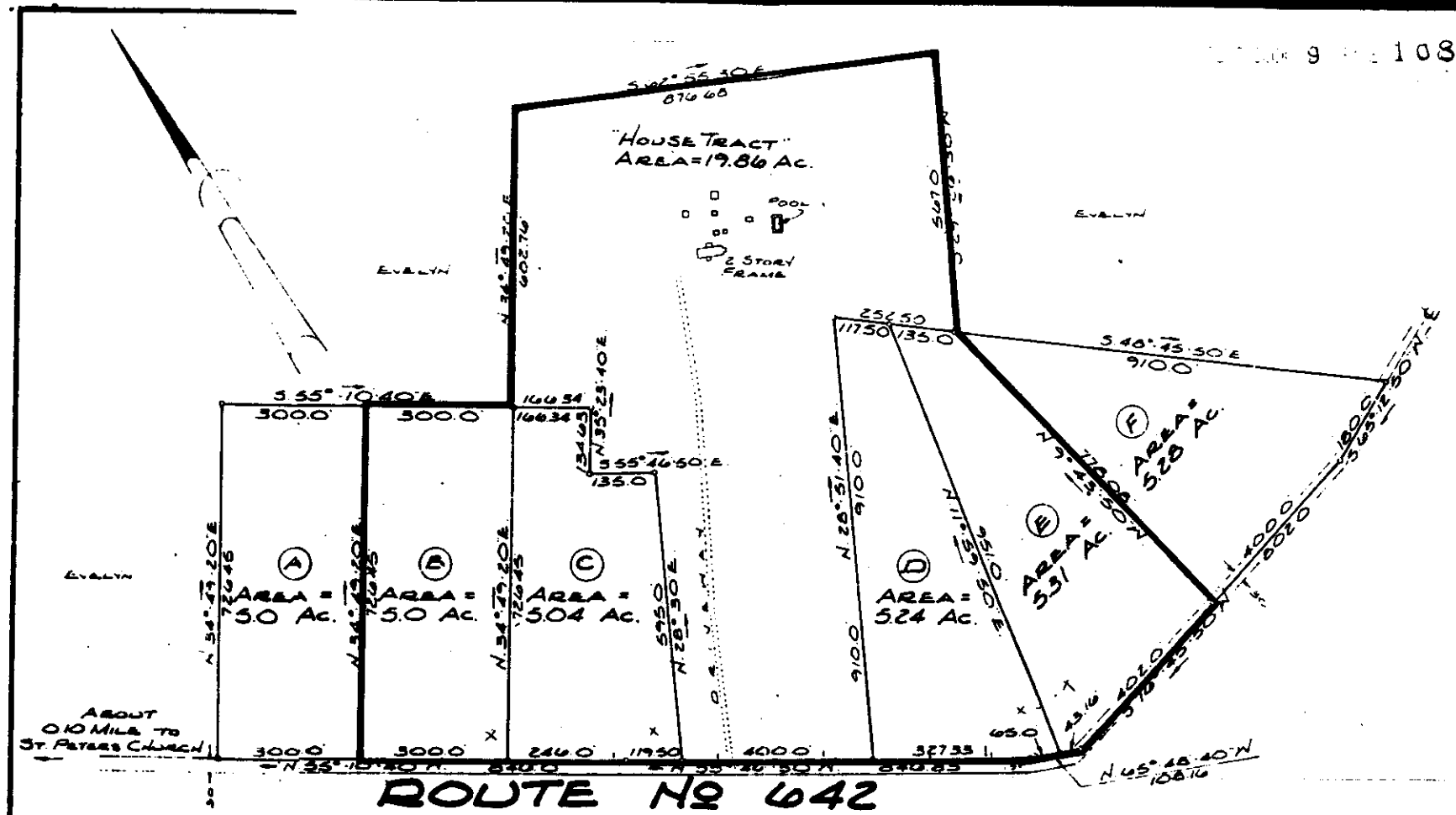
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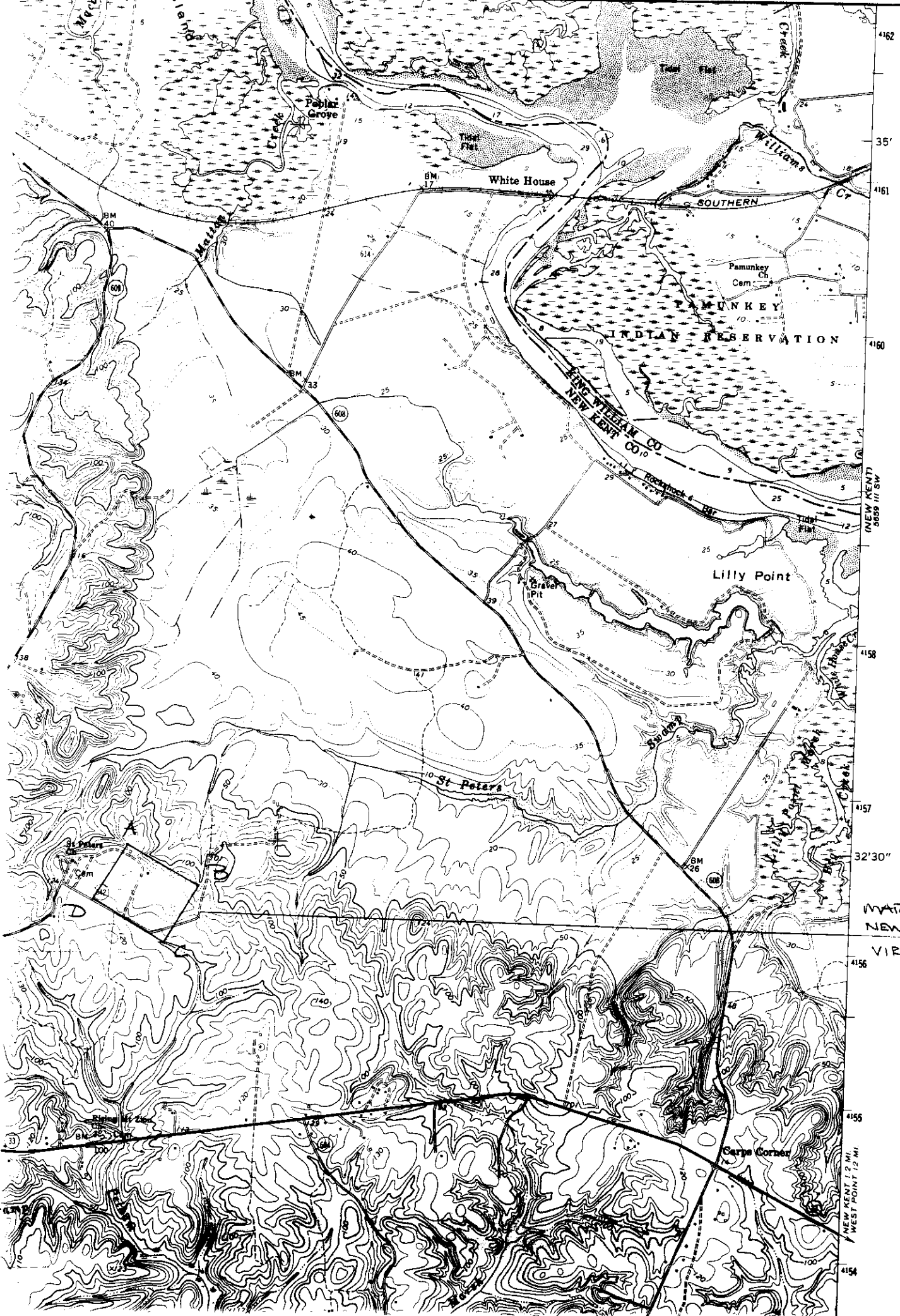
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MAP OF A DIVISION OF PROPERTY
 SITUATED ON THE EASTERN LINE
 OF ROUTE NO 642 AND SOUTH
 OF ST. PETERS CHURCH.
 ST. PETERS DIST. NEW KENT CO. VA.
 OCT. 5, 1983
 SCALE 1"=200'
 ZEPHER W. SHAW
 CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR

RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1983



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